



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: IVEZIC, et al.

Application No.: 09/399,540

Examiner: FERRIS III, F.O.

Date Filed: June 12, 2001

Group Art #: 2123

For: METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED AGENT-BASED NON-EXPERT
SIMULATION OF MANUFACTURING PROCESS BEHAVIOR

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class
mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner
for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on
October 16, 2002.

Reg. No. 44,725

Steven M. Greenberg

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

RECEIVED

OCT 23 2002

Technology Center 2100

Box Non-Fee Amendments
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, please consider the following
arguments and clarifications in support of the patentability of each of the claims of the above-
referenced patent application:

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002. In the Office Action,
each of pending claims 1 through 17 were rejected. Specifically, each of claims 1-17 were
rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by F. Lin et al., Modeling Supply-Chain
Networks by a Multi-Agent System, Proceedings Systems Sciences, at 105-114 (Jan. 1998),
hereinafter “Lin”. In response, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner’s rejections on